

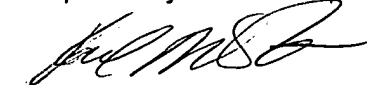
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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-12) to the collection vessel extender and has cancelled claims in Group II (claims 16-19). Applicant notes that, for clarification of claim numbering, original claims 16-19 were numbered out-of-order as a typographical oversight and should have been numbered 13 through 16.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the presently pending application is in condition for issuance. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for issuance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1768.

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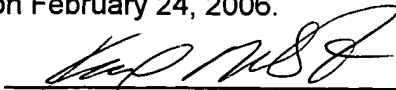
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